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MUTATION IN BASE SEQUENCE

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2002 (Paper No. 27). A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until December 30, 2002 (December 28 and 29, 2002 were a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

Please amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 21, 22 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

Please ~~replace~~ claims 1, 6 and 9 as follows:

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1. (Four times Amended) A method for detecting nucleic acid fragment and/or PNA having a mutation, comprising the steps of:
- (A) hybridizing at least one full length cDNA fixed on a substrate, selected from the group consisting of one or more nucleic acid fragments and one or more